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municipal inspectors recently interviewed representatives of some of the more important Buenos Aires printing establishments to tell them their offices were not conforming to certain technical conditions required by municipal legislation. While this was not an official visit, the inspectors made it quite clear that these establishments were liable to prosecution, and it was clearly insinuated that reprisals might follow a deliberate adoption by the press of attitudes which do not follow the policies of the Government.

2. Almost immediately the management of the Buenos Aires Herald, in whose offices Argentina Libre is published, closed its press to the latter weekly, explaining that the former could no longer handle its business. Argentina Libre, which had been printing some 60,000 copies, was forced to close down since its editors were not able to find another printing house even in the provinces.
3. Argentina Libre has not been alone in its troubles. The Standard has looked for printing offices with the same negative results since all the printing shops have been intimidated and none wishes to run the risk of being closed down by the Government.
4. Even the Catholic, but pro-democratic, Orden Cristiano, has shown fear of the Government and is known to have suppressed criticism of the Peron administration which was to appear in its columns.

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